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1. Efforts were made in East Berlin early February 1955, to dismiss all employees who work in East Berlin but who do not have there and to give them employment near their homes. In the central offices of VEB Ship Development and Construction (ZEK) HV Ship Construction, Berlin-Moabit, blank forms with the heading "Exchange of Place of Work" have been issued. Personnel files were examined in order to determine which employees did not live in East Berlin. All employees who live in West Berlin will allegedly be dismissed by 1 April 1955.
2. From all departments of the Warnow Shipyard, 13 percent of the technical employees were dismissed by 15 February 1955, including some executives. The SLD secretary visited the People's Shipyard in Stralsund and ordered a dismissal of employees. The works management refused to comply arguing that there would be a People's Army in East Germany in about three months and that the employees would have to join it anyhow. To which the secretary replied that this assumption is not entirely incorrect. The Mathias-Thesen Shipyard in Wisnar is the only plant which will not have to dismiss employees, since it is allegedly to begin the construction of an 8000 PS passenger liner immediately.

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